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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Cases and deaths from plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17, 1900.

SIR: Referring to this Department's letter of the 10th instant in regard to the plague in the Hawaiian Islands, I have the honor by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a dispatch, No. 200, of the 1st instant from the consul-general of the United States at Honolulu stating that from December 12 to February 28, inclusive, there have been 64 cases of plague in Honolulu. Of this number, 55 died and 9 recovered, as follows: Chinese, died, 30; recovered, 2; total, 32; Japanese, died, 7; recovered, 4; total, 11; Hawaiians, died, 15; recovered, 1; total, 16; whites, died, 3; recovered, 2; total, 5.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

HONOLULU, H. I., March 15, 1900,
via San Francisco, Cal., March 22, 1900.

SIR: There have been 1 death from plague at Honolulu, 1 suspicious, none Hilo or Kahului, prophylactic satisfactory.

Respectfully,

D. A. CARMICHAEL,
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Report from Honolulu—Outlook encouraging as to plague.*

HONOLULU, H. I., March 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since my last-written report on March 2, 2 new cases of plague have been reported in Honolulu. One, a Chinaman, from the Kamehameha IV Road, discovered late on March 2, died in the pesthouse March 3. On March 11 another case was discovered in a Chinaman in a livery stable at Iwelei, near the Oahu prison, and he is now under treatment in the pesthouse.

The antipest serum was used in both of these cases. H. M. Levy, the suspicious case taken from the Hawaiian Hotel, is improving, but no diagnosis has yet been made by Dr. Hoffman, the bacteriologist of the board of health. There are in this case peculiar pulmonic symptoms, with bloody sputum and slight hemorrhages from the lungs. There is an absence of tubercle bacilli and cultures made from the sputum and urine show numerous cocci and a short bacillus rounded at both ends. The antipest serum has been used in this case.

The case reported as suspicious at Kehei, Maui, was not considered a case of plague. One case of plague died at Kahului, Maui, on February 25, and none have been reported since that date. The victim in this case was a Miss Julia English, a sister of the local pilot and a Tahitian by birth, and who lived a short distance from Chinatown, where the first cases occurred. No more cases have been reported from Hilo, Hawaii, and none from Kahului since February 25.

The situation looks encouraging, and, with the exception of sporadic cases, it is thought the disease is under control.

There are not many people in the detention camps, and some of the restrictions relative to interisland traffic are being removed.